

WALKER MADE HEAD OF ILL. FEDERATION OF LABOR

John H. Walker of the Illinois Mine Workers was elected president of the Illinois Federation of Labor yesterday at the convention held in Decatur, Ill. He defeated Edwin R. Wright, who has been president for seven years.

Walker was the candidate of the progressive faction of the delegates. They regard his election as a triumph for the new spirit of progress that has crept over union labor.

A bitter fight was made on Walker by the "old guard," who brought politics into the fight, but Walker unarmed them by pointing to his record, which proved that he had always placed union labor above every other interest. The fight was a hot one. Walker won by 17 votes.

The new president has been one of the leaders of the miners for several years. Recently he has achieved much distinction by the assistance he rendered the Western Federation of Miners in their fight against the mines bosses of Calumet, Mich.

The other officers elected yesterday are as follows:

First Vice-President—Victor R. Hopp, Chicago.

Second Vice-President—John M. Irish, Peoria.

Third Vice-President—Mike Whalen, East St. Louis.

Secretary-Treasurer—Jas. F. Morris, Springfield.

Executive Board—Joseph Morton, Chicago; Thomas Kelly, Streator; William Chiles, Springfield; James P. Trench, LaSalle; Conrad F. Nystrom, Galesburg; George B. Jenkins, Urbana.

Delegate to National Convention—James T. Patterson, Chicago.

Auditing Committee—J. A. Kain, Chicago; Tilden Bozart, Staunton; William Jampel, Belleville.

Peoria was selected for the next year's convention.

The federation also went on record against the state militia.

By a unanimous vote they resolved that "the Illinois Federation of Labor hereby goes on record as being opposed to its membership, or the membership of affiliated locals, being in any way connected with the state militia."

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INSANITY WILL BE THE PLEA OF WILLIAM C. ELLIS

Insanity, due to paretic infection of the brain, and aggravated by seeing "Damaged Goods," the play treating of the very disease from which he is said to have been suffering, will be the defense of William C. Ellis, wealthy Cincinnati leather man, who made a dramatic confession that he shot his wife three times and then slashed her throat to make certain she was dead, in the Hotel Sherman.

Ellis probably will be indicted by the October grand jury and given a speedy trial. He told physicians at the county jail today that he wanted "things hurried along as fast as possible."

Detectives who attempted to question Ellis today obtained no fresh details of the tragedy in the hotel bedroom. The leather dealer, chewing nervously on an unlighted cigar, turned this back to them and refused to talk.

Jail physicians said that the prisoner will be fully recovered from the superficial wounds he inflicted upon himself within a week.

MRS. PANKHURST TAKEN TO ELLIS ISLAND

New York, Oct. 18.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, militant suffraget, was taken to Ellis Island from La Provence on the arrival of that vessel today.

Inspector George Moore of the Immigration service stated that while Mrs. Pankhurst's case will be determined by board of three inspectors he does not believe she will be held long. The question at issue is whether her acts in England involve moral depravity and it is expected that final decision will be that they do not.